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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Spain to Be Made to Still Further
Feel the Sting of War.

SAMPSON TO CROSS THE OCEAN

If No Surrender After the Fall of
Santiago and Porto Rico.

INVASION OF CUBA

It is said to be the President's plan
that if Spain does not surrender after the
fall of Santiago and Porto Rico, Admiral
Sampson shall be sent across the ocean to
blockade or bombard Spanish ports.

The invasion of Cuba will not be
delayed until fall, but will begin so
soon as operations against Santiago
and Porto Rico are completed.

The 15th Pennsylvania Volunteer
Infantry has been assigned to duty
at Sheridan Point and Fort Wash-
ington, the principal defenses of the
national capital.

Commander Miller has been de-
tached from the command of the
Merrimac, recently sunk in Santiago
channel, and assigned to command
the Pompey, recently commanded by
the late Lieut. Commander Sturdy.

Secretary Alger declined to say
this morning whether the United
States troops had sailed from Tampa
for Cuba.

The Senate passed a bill to orga-
nize a hospital corps of the navy, to
define its duties and regulate its pay.

The War Department has char-
tered six more ships and has taken
steps to obtain five more, which, it
is believed, will solve the problem of
obtaining transportation of troops to
the Philippines.

A board has been appointed to
visit Columbia, S. C., Savannah, Ga.,
and Fernandina and Miami, Fla., to
select a suitable camp.

A report was circulated that Capt.
Philip of the Texas had been killed,
but was promptly denied.

On good authority today it is said
that the plans of the administration with
regard to Spain extend much further than
now supposed, even by those on the inside.
The statement is made that if Spain does
not surrender with the fall of Porto Rico
and Santiago she will be made to feel the
sting of war at her own doors. The Span-
iards at home will find out that all the
stories told them about rotten American
ships and Spanish victories are the merest
fabrications.

Sampson's Next Duty.
It is known that the belief of the Presi-
dent is that the fall of Porto Rico and
Santiago will bring Spain to her knees,
and this belief takes into account the stub-
born Spanish nature and the fact that the
Spanish government is the very existence of
the Spanish government, and the Span-
iards as long as possible, and the Span-
ish people fooled to the fullest extent.
Knowing the possibility that the officials
of Spain may still cling to a faint hope
of victories, the President has already
decided, it is said, to order Admiral Sam-
pson against Spain herself so soon as cer-
tain operations in the West Indies are con-
cluded. Of course this projected move-
ment of Sampson is based upon the dispo-
sition of Cervera, which everybody
believes will be accomplished. That over,
a goodly portion of the fleet will no longer
be needed in West Indian waters and will
be sent to Spain to teach the people how
badly they are being fooled by their officials.

Spanish Invasion Not to Be Delayed.
It is also said today that the invasion
of Cuba proper has not been deferred until
fall. The administration has been busy sel-
ecting scientific information of the climate
and conditions of Cuba. These facts tend
to show that, properly cared for, the Ameri-
can troops will be as safe in Cuba as in
Florida. Hospital camps will be estab-
lished in the mountains for the sick.

The invasion of Cuba proper will be be-
gun with the ending of the operations
against Porto Rico and Santiago. That
may be a month off, but by that time
everything will be ready for the landing
of 100,000 men. Some of the troops which
have become seasoned in the Santiago and
Porto Rico campaigns will be withdrawn
and with the reserve forces will be sent
against Blanco and his soldiers.

The Scramble for Appointment.
The scramble for the few remaining army
and navy appointments still goes on at the
White House and at the departments. Old
officers at the White House say that the
number of callers is large as in any of
the palmy political days.

The pressure on congressmen from con-
stituents is very great, and these congress-
men flock to the White House in the hope
of satisfying the demands made upon them.
It can be said, however, that the large ma-
jority of these officials are considerate of
the President, and state their business
briefly.

Today's list of visitors showed over
thirty senators and representatives, three
cabinet members and a half dozen army
and navy officials, all of whom were
chatted with the President. Secretaries
Day, Bliss and Alger were the cabinet
members, and they had business which
kept them with the President a good
while. Between fifty and one hundred un-
official seekers after places waited in
the hall, waiting for the President.

Among the senators who called were
Messrs. Lodge, Cullom, Fairbanks, Per-
kins, Thurston, Cockrell and Turpie.
The President told several of his callers
that he was confident there was no truth
in the Madrid dispatch that Capt. Philip
of the Texas was killed by a shell.

Some of the visitors discussed the an-
nexation of Hawaii with the President.

Steamship Arrivals.
At New York, Prinz Regent Lutpold,
from Bremen.
At Southampton, Chester, from New
York, via Queenstown.
At Queenstown, Teutonic, from New
York for Liverpool.

Mr. Dawes to Deliver Address.
DETROIT, Mich., June 8.—Charles G.
Dawes, controller of the currency, has ac-
cepted an invitation to address the con-
vention of the National Association of
Credit Men in this city June 22.

New Names for Naval Vessels.
Several names have been selected for
several recent acquisitions to the navy.
The steamer Whitgift, which has been
chartered to tow the monitor Monadnock
to Manila, has been renamed the Nero.
The tug Kate Jones has been named
Seminoles. The ferry boat East Boston
and the yacht Inca will retain their
present names.

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THE MERCEDES SUNK

This Report Comes From Semi-Offi-
cial Spanish Source.

VIZCAYA AND FUROR DAMAGED

More Details of the Fight at San-
tiago on Monday.

CONFLICT IN THE NEWS

MADRID, June 8.—A semi-official note
was published here today purporting to
give an account of the bombardment of
Santiago de Cuba by the American fleet
on Monday last:

"The American navy, under Admiral
Sampson, has fiercely attacked Santiago
de Cuba and a bloody encounter ensued.
The Americans made three attacks on the
Spanish marine and land batteries, which
repelled. As a consequence, the Americans
were repulsed with heavy losses, estimated
at 1,500 men.

"The Americans projectiles, however,
sank the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes."

A Conflicting Report.
Another dispatch received here from Ha-
vana, from Spanish sources, says "the
Americans were again repulsed at the last
bombardment of Santiago de Cuba."

Continuing, this report asserts that
the damage done to the batteries and towns
"is unimportant or is already repaired,"
adding: "The Spanish guns did not cease
to fire an instant during the fight and all
the batteries are in condition to reply to
the enemy's fire. During the second at-
tack the Spanish fleet was on the point of
the Reina Mercedes and personally assisted in
working her guns. Every one regards Col-
onel Ordenes and General Linarez as the
heroes of the day."

According to official Spanish dispatches
received here, the exact loss of the Span-
iards at Santiago de Cuba on Monday is
as follows:

Land forces—One soldier killed and five
officers wounded, including Col. Ordenes,
slightly wounded.

Sea forces—The second officer in com-
mand of the Reina Mercedes, five sailors
and twenty-nine marines killed, and an of-
ficer and eleven sailors wounded.

The official dispatches also say that many
of the wounded, including Col. Ordenes, are
able to attend to their duties.

It is announced here that the Spanish
steamer Benito has "run the blockade of
Manzanillo" and arrived at Jamaica.

Another Havana Account.
(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.)
HAVANA, June 7 (Delayed in trans-
mission).—Details from Spanish sources at
Santiago de Cuba were received here today
of the Spanish losses during the bombard-
ment of the forts there by the American
fleet on Monday. The "marine chief" killed
on board the Reina Mercedes was former
Capt. Emilio Acosta Eyermann. Ensign
Alejandro Molins, also of the Reina Mer-
cedes, was killed. Col. Ordenes of the ar-
tillery, and inventor of the cannon bearing
his name, was slightly wounded. Some
other officers were slightly wounded by
projectiles, shells and fragments scattered
by the explosion of shells on land.

The insurgents today dynamited a pas-
senger train near Canas, province of Pinar
del Rio, overthrowing one car and derailing
the train.

The Vizcaya Damaged.
NEW YORK, June 8.—A special from
Kingston, Jamaica, reports that the Span-
ish cruiser Vizcaya and the torpedo boat
destroyer Furor were badly damaged dur-
ing the bombardment of Santiago de Cu-
ba on Monday.

A shell from the Brooklyn is said to have
burst under the Vizcaya's port quarter,
dismissing a gun, injuring the cruiser's
rudder and wounding several of her sailors.

MAKES THINGS HOT FOR SPANISH.
Gunboat Leyden at Cardenas Blazes
Away at Them.

KEY WEST, Fla., June 8.—An auxiliary
gunboat which arrived here this morning
from Cardenas reports all quiet there, ex-
cept that the auxiliary gunboat, Leyden,
is making things very lively for the Span-
iards by blazing away at them whenever
she sees a movement on the Spanish gun-
boats or on the defensive works at Car-
denas.

The British collier Roath, a sister ship
of the Restormel, was held up on June 4
by an American gunboat. Not responding
promptly to a blank shot, a solid shot was
sent across her. Next day she was held
up by a second gunboat and obeyed im-
mediately.

The Roath was in ballast, bound for
Mobile, from San Juan de Porto Rico,
where she had discharged her cargo of coal.

TO DEFEND CITY APPROACHES.
The Fifteenth Pennsylvania Assigned
to the Potomac Batteries.

Gen. Frank, commanding the Depart-
ment of the East, has assigned the 15th
Pennsylvania Regiment of Infantry Volun-
teers to duty at Sheridan Point, Va., and
at Fort Washington, Md., the batteries at
which places constitute the principal pro-
tection to the national capital from attack
by water.

MRS. ATKINSON NOT GUILTY.
Case Against Wife of West Virginia
Governor Falls Through.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 8.—A special
from Glenville, W. Va., says:
"The jury last night returned a verdict of
not guilty in the indictment in which Mrs.
Atkinson, wife of the governor, was a co-
defendant. This ends the long and noted
case in which Mrs. Atkinson was charged
with forgery."

Army Orders of Local Interest.
Capt. James R. Hosmer, assistant quar-
termaster, U. S. V., has been ordered to
Dunn Loring, Va., and report in person to
Major M. C. Martin, quartermaster, for
temporary duty under his direction.

Major R. P. Strong, U. S. V., has been
ordered to report to Major General Graham,
commanding the 2d Army Corps, at Falls
Church, for assignment to duty as signal
officer of that corps. Lieut. B. O. Leoni,
U. S. V., has been ordered to duty under
the direction of Major Strong.

The following named officers of the Vol-
unteer Signal Corps have been ordered to
take places at the Washington barracks,
District of Columbia: Capt. W. H. Lamar
and Lieut. A. C. Thomson and Lieut. T. R.
J. Campbell.

Now It Is the "Dewey Two-Step."
DETROIT, Mich., June 8.—The National
Dancing Masters' Association, in session
here, has approved the new dances
"Dewey Two-Step" and the "Cavalry
Cakewalk."

MANILA EXPEDITION

Gen. Merritt Orders a Mountain How-
itzer Battery Along.

ANOTHER TRANSPORT CHARTERED

The Second Detachment Will De-
part in a Few Days.

TARGET PRACTICE ORDERED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 8.—Gen.
Merritt's latest order for the campaign in
the Philippines is that a battery of six
mountain howitzers will be taken on the
next expedition to Manila. To move the
guns, carriages and ammunition in the Phil-
ippines a pack train of mules will be re-
quired. It is understood that Lieut. Car-
son, 4th United States Cavalry, will be in
command of the battery.

The general court-martial in session at
Camp Merritt has convicted John Cam-
bell of the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers,
who attacked a colored man at Mt. Gre-
tana, Pa., just before the regiment left for
the coast. A light sentence was imposed,
as Campbell has practically been in pris-
on a month.

More Transports for Manila.
The steamer Morgan City has been char-
tered as a transport by the government.
She has sleeping accommodations for nearly
900 people. She will be inspected by the
medical surveyor today and can be made
ready for sea by the end of the week. The
charter price is \$900 a day. The City of
Para, due here today from Panama, is al-
most certain to be chartered and the Lec-
elana may also become a transport. The
Lecelana came here from the east as a col-
ler, but has been converted into a fine pas-
senger steamer.

The Indiana, which has been chartered
at Seattle, will be fitted up here to accom-
modate 900 men.

The second fleet of transports may put to
sea on Saturday afternoon, but will not get
away until Monday. The Colon will be
commissed today and then the stores will
be put on board. The Colon will begin tak-
ing on stores tomorrow and can be loaded
by Saturday. The Zealandia is ready to sail
at short notice, so the departure of the ex-
pedition within a few days is now a cer-
tainty.

Ammunition for Target Practice.
Preparatory to their departure for Manila
the men of the Colorado and Pennsylvania
regiments have been supplied with ammu-
nition for target practice. All the troops
now in camp will shoot over the Presidio
ranges in turn, beginning today.

The Utah cavalry carry heavy intrench-
ment knives instead of sabers. The knives
are about a foot long, and their blades are
as wide as the base of a mason's trowel.
They are very formidable weapons at close
quarters.

Iowa Troops for Manila.
DES MOINES, Iowa, June 8.—It is ex-
pected at Camp McKinley that the 49th
Regiment is to follow the 51st toward Man-
ila. Col. Dows has not received any official
instructions to this effect, but the agent of
the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul rail-
road says he has direct instructions that
his road is to take half of the men to
Omaha, on their way to San Francisco.

BACK FROM PORTO RICO.
Lieut. Whitney Returns Safely From
a Dangerous Mission.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Lieut. Henry H.
Whitney, 4th United States Artillery, who
has twice penetrated into the very heart
of Spanish territory, once in Cuba and last-
ly in Porto Rico, arrived here today on the
British steamer Ardmore, from Porto
Rico. Through him the War Department
will soon be in possession of important and
accurate information concerning the mili-
tary strength and defenses of the island.

The Porto Rican mission was undertaken
under orders from the department to travel
through the most strongly fortified places
and the headquarters of military bodies
and observe their strength and the prepara-
tion the commanders had made to resist
occupation by the American troops.

Lieut. Whitney made the journey with
great expedition. He found 5,000 volunteer
troops and 4,500 regulars in and about
Pinar.

The soldiers were sickly, however, and
discouraged for lack of pay.

Food he found to be alarmingly scarce,
and that fact, combined with the American
sentiment pervading the towns, inclined
him to the belief that if the United States
troops did not invest the island within a
month the inhabitants would turn upon the
Spaniards and drive them out.

DEBT ON HOBSON HOMESTEAD.
Father of Merrimac Hero Has Ten-
anted the Amount Due.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 8.—In view of
the published statement that the home-
stead, at Greensboro, Ala., occupied by the
mother of Lieutenant Hobson, the Merri-
mac hero, was heavily mortgaged, and that
a popular subscription was started to re-
lease it, the Times Star wired to that city
for the facts, and today received this re-
ply:

GREENSBORO, Ala., June 8.—Your in-
quiry received. Judge Hobson has ten-
anted to the mortgage company the amount
due on the mortgage. There is a dispute as
to the amount of the mortgage, but the money
is in hand to pay any amount due, and no
debt is needed of any sort. Please publish
this.

(Signed) H. C. BENNETT,
Editor Beacon.

PANAMA'S OFFICERS TO GO HOME.
Will Sail for Gibraltar Saturday
Tartar Prince.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The captain, offi-
cers and crew of the Spanish steamship
Panama, now a United States prize and
awaiting sale at this port, will sail for
Gibraltar on the Tartar Prince on Sat-
urday next.

The captain, officers and crew of the
Spanish steamship Albatros, now a United
States prize, went aboard the White Star
steamship Britannic, which sailed for
Liverpool today. Mrs. Fernandez Mendez
and three children, and the boy Mariz
Rodriguez, who were passengers on board
the Albatros, were captured by United
States war vessels, sailed today for St.
Kitts, West Indies, on board the steamer
Caribbee.

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SECY. ALGER SILENT

Refuses to Say Whether Troops Have
Left Tampa.

THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH TALKING

No Further Word Received From
Admiral Sampson.

LANDING OF THE MARINES

Secretary Alger this morning positively
declined to say whether the United States
troops had sailed yet from Tampa for
Cuba. He holds that notwithstanding the
bottling up of the Spanish squadron in
Santiago, there are still good and sufficient
reasons why every precaution should be
adopted to prevent the Spaniards from ob-
taining information as to the departure of
our troops, the point selected for their de-
barcation and the strength of the expedi-
tion. He was a good deal annoyed at the
attempt of some of the newspapers this
morning to indicate the very point selected
for landing the troops and also guns in
the neighborhood of Santiago. If it were
true that the department had selected a
place where there is a strong wharf upon
which the vessels may discharge the heavy
siege train directly, the publication of that
fact, if authenticated, might very naturally
lead the Spaniards to destroy that par-
ticular wharf and thus seriously hamper
the operations of the troops.

Careful inquiry at other places in the
War Department where information as to
the movement of the troops might natu-
rally be expected, developed the fact that
no word had yet come of the departure of
the military expedition from Tampa. As
the troops are under orders to go to sea
just as soon as they can be made ready
without further direction from the de-
partment, it is deemed probable that they
will get off some time during the day and
that notice to that effect will be the next news
received at the department.

Nothing More From Sampson.
No further word from Admiral Sam-
pson was received at the Navy Depart-
ment this morning. The term used in the
bulletin made public by the department last
night in confirmation of the press reports of
the attack upon Santiago last Monday is be-
lieved to be merely a skeleton statement
of Admiral Sampson's cablegram, which, it
is surmised, contained a good deal more in-
formation than it was deemed prudent to
make public. Of course, to protect the
naval cipher, the matter published was a
paraphrase and it was said at the de-
partment this morning that the term used in
the bulletin "silenced works quickly with-
out injury at any time" was based upon a
statement in the original dispatch broad
enough to indicate that the ships had sus-
tained no injuries and that there had been
no casualties among the personnel of the
American fleet.

Only Marines Landed.
Naval officers this morning expressed the
belief that about all of the force landed
Monday from Sampson's fleet were marines,
and that their purpose was not so much to
take military possession of the landing as
perhaps, to spike some guns and destroy
some structures that might have been re-
couped by the Spaniards to advantage after
the retirement of the American fleet from
the action.

One object of Sampson's attack which has
escaped general observation, though ex-
ceedingly important, was pointed out at the
Navy Department this morning. This was
to prevent the Spaniards from making a
successful attempt to remove the obstruc-
tion of the channel caused by the wreck of
the Merrimac. Having silenced the Span-
iards at the entrance of the harbor, which while
inactive obliged the American fleet to lie
many miles out at sea to keep out of range
of their guns, Sampson will now be able to
place one or more of his ships close to the
mouth of the bottle, where they will lie in
comparative safety and yet be able to com-
mand easily with their guns the wreck of
the Merrimac.

Gen. Bancroft Sent to Tampa.
Brigadier General Bancroft of Massachu-
setts was at the War Department today
receiving final instructions. He has been
assigned to duty with Gen. Shafter's corps
at Tampa, Fla.

The Hospital Ship.
The ambulance ship Solace sailed from
New York today to join Admiral Sampson's
squadron. She took along the contributions
from the various relief organizations that
have been sent to Medical Director Blood-
good for distribution to the sick and wound-
ed of the fleet.

Surgeon General Van Ryeppel will send
by the Solace for distribution fifty boxes
of oranges and fifty boxes of lemons. He
has also given the surgeon of the Solace
\$300 to assist in the subsistence of the sick
or wounded, or to buy delicacies for them
in any port the Solace may enter. Being a
neutral ship, under the Geneva cross flag,
she has free access to any port.

ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS.
The Rock Creek Park Commission
Soon to Take Up the Question.

The Rock Creek park commission held
an important meeting yesterday afternoon
and completed arrangements for a public
meeting to be held on the 23d inst. for the
consideration of the question of the bene-
fits which have resulted to adjacent
property by the establishment of the park.
Final action on this question has been de-
ferred, pending the action of the courts
on the legality of the proposed assess-
ment of the benefits to be derived from the
park. The commission is composed of Gen. Wilson,
chief of engineers; Col. Beach, engineer
commissioner of the District; Mr. Lang-
bein of the Smithsonian Institution; Gen.
Boynton and Mr. Ross Perry.

CARRANZA AND DU BOSE.
Belief That They Will Be Ordered
From Canadian Soil.

The negotiations for the expulsion of
Carranza and Du Bose are progressing sat-
isfactorily. The President and State De-
partment are satisfied that these superin-
tendents of the Spanish spy system in this
country will soon be ordered from Cana-
dian soil.

Secretary Day was at the Treasury De-
partment today and it was reported that
he was in conference with Secretary Gage
regarding the Carranza letter, but this
proved incorrect. It is ascertained, how-
ever, that so soon as the State Department
called the attention of the British govern-
ment to the matter the officials of the se-
cret service were instructed to hold them

AGAIN POSTPONED

Speaker Reed's Efforts Against Ha-
waiian Annexation Resolution.

VOLUNTEER VOTING BILL INTERPOSED

Some Friends Appear to Lack the
Courage of Their Convictions.

REED AND OXNARD

Again there is a postponement of the
consideration of the Hawaiian resolution
in the House. The volunteers' voting bill
was made a continuing order, "subject to
the tariff conference report." Between this
measure and the tariff conference report
this week can be consumed if nothing else
suggests itself as an obstruction. The pos-
sibilities of postponement are indefinite as
long as those who profess to favor annex-
ation are lacking in the courage to insist
upon their rights as a majority of the House.

A Peremptory Caucus Call.
Some of the republicans of the House
who are earnest in their desire to have
this question disposed of began this morn-
ing a circular calling a peremptory call for a
caucus. More than a hundred signed a
caucus call some time ago, but Mr. Reed
has succeeded in having the caucus held up.
It is now proposed to make the call
peremptory. But some of the alleged ad-
vocates of annexation are hanging back.
They are brave talkers in the cloak room,
but their courage is suddenly extracted by
the autocratic influence of Speaker Reed.
It is fully known that the intention is to
have Congress adjourn as soon as the revenue
bill has been signed by the President.
Yet Speaker Reed is listened to when he
argues that the Hawaiian question should
not be taken up by the House until after
the tariff bill has been finally disposed of.

Some Lukewarm Annexationists.
There appear to be some republicans in
the House who will be perfectly satisfied if
they can get the credit among their con-
stituents of being in favor of annexation,
but do not care whether action is had or
not. They figure that if the House passes
the resolution just before adjournment they
can vote for it and get credit for their
votes, and then throw upon the Senate the
responsibility for failure. These men are
giving most valuable assistance to Mr.
Reed, Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. White and the
sugar trust, and are placing the friends of
Hawaii in the Senate at an unfair disad-
vantage. They are placing it in the power
of a few men in the Senate to obstruct ac-
tion there, while aiming to shield them-
selves by throwing the responsibility upon
the Senate at the eleventh hour.

The Speaker's Latest Suggestion.
It is said that the latest suggestion of
Speaker Reed to Mr. Hitt, when being urged
to permit consideration of the resolution,
was that Mr. Dingley be asked to call it
up. Thereupon Mr. Hitt, it is asserted,
went to Mr. Dingley and he refused to as-
sume the responsibility. The fact that a
majority of the democratic party in Con-
gress have taken sides against annexation
is a great assistance to Mr. Reed, and he
does not hesitate to avail himself of it, al-
though his doctrine of party management
has been that alliances with the opposi-
tion should never be made to overcome the
majority of the party. In this "exceptional"
case it seems that all custom must be
ignored at the behest of certain business
interests.

Reed's Suggestion to Oxnard.
Mr. Oxnard is quoted as saying some
days ago that at the suggestion of Mr.
Reed he was going to see Mr. Dalzell, and
ask him to head the rules committee, and that
he hoped to be able to avail himself of it
for any special order for annexation to be
reported from that committee.

OPEN TO MISAPPREHENSION.
Mr. Carson's Remarks in the British
House of Commons.

A statement made by Mr. Carson in the
house of commons yesterday to the effect
that negotiations were progressing for a
settlement of all open questions between
the United States and Great Britain